

Slint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Feb. 23. 1861.

Sir,

Since making my communication to you of the 18th inst I have received a copy of the Ordinance of the Convention of Louisiana under which that State took possession of the Branch Mint of the United States at New Orleans. I enclose a copy of this Ordinance, and of the letter of William A. Elmore Esq. the Supt. which accompanied it.

As we learn from this officer that every thing is now done in the name, and by the authority of the State (Louisiana) it is to be expected that the ~~working~~ coming dies will be returned to us, inasmuch as they have on them the heralric emblems of the United States, and the legend "United States of America" engraved upon